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4 December 1952

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 4 December 1952

Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence
Department of State
Brigadier General John M. Willems, acting for Assistant Chief
of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic
Energy Commission
Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Ludwell L. Montague, Central Intelligence Agency
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
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Mr. William C. Truchart, Department of State
Mr. Miron Burgin, Department of State
Lieutenant Colonel T. C. Anderson, Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel Edgar H. Thomson, Jr., Department of the Army
Colonel John J. Morrow, United States Air Force
Colonel Jack E. Thomas, United States Air Force
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Grant, United States Air Force
Colonel S. M. Lansing, The Joint Staff
Captain John A. Holbrook, USN, The Joint Staff

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Acting Secretary

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 1 December 1952 (IAC-M-89), were approved.

Conditions and Trends in Latin America Affecting U. S. Security (NIE-70)

2. Action: Approved with minor modifications.

Unidentified Flying Objects

3. Action: The Director of Central Intelligence will:

a. Enlist the services of selected scientists to review and appraise the available evidence in the light of pertinent scientific theories.

b. Draft and circulate to the IAC a proposed NSCID, which would signify IAC concern in the subject and authorize coordination with appropriate non-IAC departments and agencies.

4. Discussion: The acting Chairman, Mr. Amory, presented to the committee the DCI's request that this subject be informally discussed. Dr. Chadwell briefly reviewed the evidence and peripheral considerations, and noted that most of the available evidence is processed by ATIC. General Samford offered his full cooperation. It was recognized that the problem is best approached if directly related to specific problems of intelligence and defense. It was thought desirable that the action noted above under "a" be undertaken immediately, with consideration of a proposed NSCID to depend in some measure on the results achieved by the scientists' studies.

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